

What is claimed is:

1. A headgear for exhibiting a display, the headgear comprising:
a head strap for adjusting a circumference of the headgear about a head of a person;
a buckle through which the head strap extends for securing the head strap at an
adjusted position;
a display layer positioned on an outer surface of the buckle and having at least one
color different from that of the buckle for ease of viewing; and
a sealant layer deposited over the display layer and the surface of the buckle so as to
minimize exposure of the display layer to environmental conditions.
2. A headgear as set forth in claim 1, wherein the buckle is made from a metallic
material.
3. A headgear as set forth in claim 2, wherein the buckle is made from brass.
4. A headgear as set forth in claim 1, wherein the buckle includes an embossed
pattern on its outer surface.
5. A headgear as set forth in claim 4, wherein the display layer is positioned
within the embossed pattern.
6. A headgear as set forth in claim 1, wherein the display layer includes a
plurality of colors.
7. A headgear as set forth in claim 1, wherein the display layer includes paint
capable of adhering to the buckle.
8. A headgear as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sealant layer is transparent to
permit visualization of the display layer.
9. A headgear as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sealant layer includes more
than one layer to permit sufficient coverage of the display layer and buckle.

10. A headgear as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sealant layer is made from a material which minimizes oxidation of the buckle in the presence of prolonged exposure to environmental conditions.

11. A method for exhibiting a display on a headgear, the method comprising:
providing a buckle through which a head strap of a headgear can extend for securing the head strap at an adjusted position;
applying on an outer surface of the buckle a display layer having at least one color different from that of the buckle for ease of viewing;
depositing a sealant layer over the display layer and the surface of the buckle, so as to minimize exposure of the display layer to environmental conditions; and
positioning the buckle on the head strap used in adjusting a circumference of the headgear about a head of a person.

12. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of providing includes embossing the outer surface of the buckle to generate a pattern for use as part of the display.

13. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of applying includes drying the display layer prior to deposition of the sealant layer.

14. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of applying includes providing the display layer with a plurality of colors; and
drying each color prior to applying successive colors to the display layer, so as to minimize mixing of the colors.

15. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the depositing includes drying the sealant layer.

16. A method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of depositing includes providing the sealant layer with a plurality of layers; and
drying each layer prior to depositing successive layers to the sealant layer, so as to further minimize exposure of the display to environmental conditions.

17. A headgear for exhibiting a display, the headgear comprising:

a head strap for adjusting a circumference of the headgear;
a buckle through which the head strap extends for securing the head strap at an adjusted position; and
a display layer positioned on an outer surface of the buckle and having at least one color different from that of the buckle for ease of viewing.

18. A headgear as set forth in claim 17, wherein the buckle includes an embossed pattern on its outer surface.

19. A headgear as set forth in claim 18, wherein the display layer is positioned within the embossed pattern.

20. A headgear as set forth in claim 18, further including a sealant layer deposited over the display layer and the surface of the buckle.

21. A headgear as set forth in claim 20, wherein the sealant layer includes more than one layer to permit sufficient coverage of the display layer and buckle.

22. A headgear as set forth in claim 20, wherein the sealant layer is made from a material which minimizes oxidation of the buckle in the presence of prolonged exposure to environmental conditions.

23. A method for exhibiting a display on a headgear, the method comprising:
providing a buckle through which a head strap of a headgear can extend for securing the head strap at an adjusted position;
applying on an outer surface of the buckle a display layer having at least one color different from that of the buckle for ease of viewing; and
positioning the buckle on the head strap used in adjusting a circumference of the headgear about a head of a person.

24. The method of claim 23, further including the step of depositing a sealant layer over the display layer and the surface of the buckle, so as to minimize exposure of the display layer to environmental conditions.

25. A method as set forth in claim 23, wherein the step of providing includes embossing the outer surface of the buckle to generate a pattern for use as part of the display.

26. A method as set forth in claim 24, wherein the step of depositing includes providing the sealant layer with a plurality of layers; and drying each layer prior to depositing successive layers to the sealant layer, so as to further minimize exposure of the display to environmental conditions.